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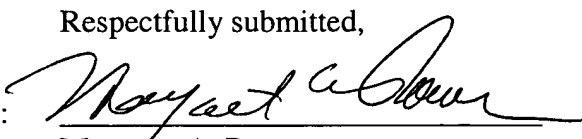
Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the foregoing, and consideration of the above amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are canceled herein with this amendment. Claims 16-273 were canceled previously. New claims 274-286, which have been added by entry of this amendment, were identically copied from claims 1-8 and 25-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,713,282 to Short to avoid any question of compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(2), should Applicants decide, after completing their analysis, that the subject claims are patentable and that an interference is indeed desired. If a determination is ultimately made to proceed with an interference, a further paper containing the information required by 37 C.F.R. §41.202 will be submitted. Correspondingly, if a determination is made that the present application does not support any of the newly copied claims, an appropriate filing will be submitted.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0990. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-stated Deposit Account.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (650) 298-5809 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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